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PATENT
CASE NO. 8285/238-1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Maropis et al.)
Serial No. 09/417,266) Examiner R. Foster
Filing Date: October 12, 1999) Group Art Unit No. 2645
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
PROVIDING PRE-PAID LOCAL)
TELEPHONE SERVICES)

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the obligation under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97-1.99, Applicant hereby submits the following reference for consideration by the Examiner. A copy has been enclosed along with the form PTO-1449.

OTHER ART

Chad Hazam et al., "White Paper On Prepaid Local Phone Services", National ALEC Association/Prepaid Communications Association, printed from the Internet address <http://www.nala-pca.org/whitepaper1.shtml>, August 1999, 11 pages.

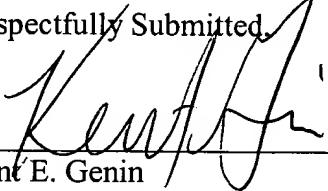
EXPLANATION OF THE REFERENCES

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the enclosed reference.

Applicant requests to have this reference included in the record of this application. Applicant further requests that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of this reference. Applicant reserves the right to disqualify this reference by the showing of an earlier date of invention, if appropriate.

Additionally, pursuant to MPEP §2001.06(b), Applicant notes that the present application is related to pending U.S. Application Serial No. 09/616,667, filed July 14, 2000 and entitled "Method and Apparatus for Providing Prepaid Telephone Services in Metered States". The aforementioned application is a CIP of the present application. A continuation application of the present application was filed on June 18, 2003 and assigned U.S. Application Serial No. 10/464,835.

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